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RESOLUTIONS

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1. ACCORDING TO AN-NAHA
PN THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE PLO, WHICH
IS COMPOSED OF 32 MEMBERS REPRESENTING ALL THE FEDAYEE* AND INDE-
PENDENT PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS, MET IN DAMASCUS ON 20-21 DEC.
DISCUSSED THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS INFLUENCING THE PALESTINE
PROBLEM AND PASSED THE FOLLOWING "SECRET" RESOLUTIONS"
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"A. TO OPPOSE THE RETURN OF THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES TO JORDAN AND TO STRUGGLE WITH THE MASSES OF THESE TERRITORIES BY SUPPORTING THE PLO AND ITS LEADERSHIP IN THEIR EFFORTS TO GAIN THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THESE MASSES.

B. TO GRANT THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO FREEDOM OF ACTION TO IMPLEMENT ALL THE REQUIRED POLITICAL STEPS FOR THE REALIZATION OF THIS GOAL.*

C. TO ESTABLISH WIDE CONTACTS WITH THE REPS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO ASCERTAIN THEIR POINTS OF VIEW RE THE POLITICAL STEPS WHICH SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE*NEAR FUTURE.

D. TO UNDERLINE THE ADHERENCE TO THE NATIONAL CHARTER AND THE POLITICAL PROGRAM OF THE PLO AS WELL AS THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

E. TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE, IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, UNDER THE SUPER-VISION OF THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE HIGHER POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN LEBANON AND TGBINSIST ON THE CONTI-NUATION OF THE DEMOCRATI* NATU*E OF THIS DIALOGUE WITHIN THE LEGITIMATE PERSPECTIVE OF THE ORGANIZATION.

F. TO POSTPONE THE MEETINGS OF THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL AND THE POPULAR CONGRESS FOR ONE MONTH IN ORDER TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE DIALOGUE WITH OUR PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AS WELL AS WITH ARAB AND FRIENDLY FORCES. (COMMENT: THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET CIRCA MID-FEB.)

G. TO PREVENT A CLASH*WITH THE ARAB REGIMES AND NOT TO RELIN-QUISH THE HISTORIC RIGHTS OF OUR NATION OR GIVE UP THE ENTIRE ARAB RIGHT IN PALESTINE.

H. TO INTENSIFY THE POLITICAL ACTION IN ALL FIELDS TO IMPLEMENT THE ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE RESOLUTION WHICH SPECIFIES THAT THE PLO IS THE SOLE LEGITMATE REP OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."

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2. COMMENT: TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS IS FRIST OFFICIAL STATE-MENT OF POSITION BY PLO SINCE ALGIERS SUMMIT. FACT THAT STATE-MENT RESULTED FROM MEETING OF PLO CENTRAL COMMITTEE RATHER THAN MERELY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GIVES IT MORE WEIGHT. PLO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING MET AFTER SYARI HAD DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND GENEVA TALKS AND WAS PRESUMABLY UNDER INFLUENCE OF SAIQA AS WELL AS PFLP AND ALF TO TAKE *ARD LINE OPPOSING SEPARATE PALESTINIAN STATE ON WEST BANK AND GAZA AND OPPOSING PARTICI-

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PATION IN GENEVA TALKS. NEVERTHELESS, WHILE TONE IS HARD OUR INTERPRETATION IS THAT RESOLUTIONS HAVE NOT SPECIFICALLY FORE-CLOSED EITHER IDEA OF INDEPENDENT STATE (PERHAPS PRESENTED IN FORM OF "FIRST STEP" OR "TACTICAL MANEUVER") OR PLO PARTICIPATION AT PEACE TALKS (WHICH NOT MENTIONED). POSTP NEMENT OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL WILL GIVE TIME FOR GENEVA TALKS TO EVOLVE FURTHER AND FOR PLO TO MEASURE MORE ACCOURATELY LIKELY EFFECT OF PARTICI-PATION OR NON-PARTICIPATION.
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